

**To:** Distefano, Nichole[DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov]  
**From:** Bauserman, Trent  
**Sent:** Fri 1/24/2014 10:45:56 PM  
**Subject:** RE: West Virginia follow up

OSTP shared this with me

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ostp/library/scientificintegrity>

**From:** Vaught, Laura [mailto:Vaught.Laura@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 24, 2014 5:10 PM  
**To:** Bauserman, Trent; Distefano, Nichole  
**Cc:** Maher, Jess; Pollack, Joshua  
**Subject:** RE: West Virginia follow up

Actually on the phone with his personal office staff right now. We're working through list of their questions (some are us, some are not, some we answered on conference calls today and yesterday, some we need to follow up...) Bottom line – we're on it.

**From:** Bauserman, Trent [mailto:Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 24, 2014 5:07 PM  
**To:** Vaught, Laura; Distefano, Nichole  
**Cc:** Maher, Jess; Pollack, Joshua  
**Subject:** FW: West Virginia follow up

Got pinged by Rockefeller's Commerce Committee staff expressing concerns about the Fed response to the chem spill. Ann relayed the concerns re: the Fed government's scientific integrity process. Namely, availability of EPA scientists to respond publicly to inquiries about the risks of the spill to human health. Concerns that EPA has been slow and, at times, contradictory, to respond to human health risk concerns.

I'm assuming she's touched base with EPA, but wanted to make sure this is on your radar.

Can you tell me what we're saying on this matter?

## Ex. 5 - Deliberative

Happy to chat by phone.

TB

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Here is the UCS post:

[West Virginia Scientists Call on Federal Agencies to Stop Blocking Information Requests on Chemical Spill](#)

The letter to CDC and EPA from the WV scientists:

<http://www.ucsusa.org/assets/documents/center-for-science-and-democracy/letter-to-epa-cdc-from-wv-scientists.pdf>

And the letter from the Society of Environmental Journalists to EPA and CDC:

<http://www.sej.org/sej-spj-say-agency-media-obstacles-hurt-public-confidence-water-safety>

Thanks for looking into this --

Ann

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